

**"PULLS" WERE NECESSARY.**  
**MORE REVELATIONS OF TAMMANY DOCTRINE.**  
**METHODS.**

WHEN CROKER OR SOME WIGWAM CHIEFTAIN  
WANTED A MAN EMPLOYED OR BOUNCED. IT  
HAD TO BE DONE-INSTANCES OF FAVOR-  
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FORE THE COMMISSION-  
ERS OF ACCOUNTS.

The Commissioners of Accounts yesterday went on with their investigation of Tammany dock method under the old board, and brought out many interesting things from the minutes of meetings of the late Commissioners. Political "pulls" and cases of favoritism came up constantly. The city's interests apparently didn't worry the late Dock Board; all they wanted was to consult the wishes of some Wigan magnate.

The first witness called to the stand was J. Sergeant Cram, formerly Dock Commissioner. Daniel McClure appeared for the New Jersey Steamboat Company. Commissioner Terry asked Mr. Cram if his official acts had ever been influenced by his political affiliations.

"I consider that an impertinent question, but as I am here under oath I will say that I never was."

Commissioner Terry then asked the witness about the Cromwell Line pier, where the city has now getting a rental of 25 cents a square foot for certain land under water. No rent was paid it the past. Mr. Cram said that he did not feel able to explain why until a map of the land under water had been produced, so a messenger was sent to the Dock Department for a map.

FEIGNED IGNORANCE.

Mr. Cram looked at his inquisitor, and said blandly: "I beg pardon, but what is your name?"

"My name is Terry," said the Commissioner in surprise.

has the case of the Norwich Liner pier, which has heretofore received attention by the present Dock Board, was then brought up. Pier No. 46, North River, was formerly leased by the New-Jersey Steamboat Company, for \$20,000 a year, and sub-leased to the Norwich Company for \$38,000 a year. Now the Norwich Liner rents directly from the city, and \$38,000 instead of \$20,000 goes into the city treasury.

Mr. Cram said that he had no special relations with ex-City Chamberlain O'Donohue, who appeared for the New-Jersey Steamboat Company before the old Dock Board.

"I am not making any explanation," said he. "I am entirely satisfied with my explanation."

After some further questions about alleged favoritism and neglect to secure proper rental by the old Board, Commissioner Terry produced extracts from the minutes of the old Dock Board and began to read them. They proved extremely interesting. When the question of appointing a man by the old Dock Board came up, the minutes nearly always reported the Commissioners asking: "Has he a pull?"

### AFFECTATION OF INDIFFERENCE.

Commissioner Terry asked some hard questions of Mr. Cram. The latter affected not to be surprised. When the minutes of the old Board quoted Mr. Cram as saying: "Mr. Croker asked me to support that man," and Commissioner Terry asked him if politics did not influence him a little bit, he said: "Other things being equal, I always appointed a friend or a Democrat."

Cram denied that he had received passes from ocean steamship companies, but admitted that they "might have made him a low rate when he went abroad."

Mr. Cram denied that he had given the checks, which Commissioner Terry showed him made out to the order of Richard Croker. Mr. Terry did not go into details regarding these checks. He said later that more about them would be brought out at the next session. Mr. Cram said that the checks were handed him to give to Mr. Croker, but that he had declined to do so.

While Commissioner Terry was reading the minutes of the old Dock Board, Mr. Cram yawned and said that he wanted to get away. He said that he was anxious to reach his office. "I think that this examination is largely immaterial," he said, wearily. When asked regarding certain portions of the minutes in which he was quoted as favoring men sent by Croker, he grew particularly listless and murmured: "Oh, I probably appointed half a dozen men on the recommendation of Mr. Croker."

Once Commissioner Terry asked Mr. Cram if he believed all he read in the newspapers. "Not all; your reports on the Dock Board, for instance."

Here are printed some of the extracts that Commissioner Terry read off; they have never been published, as the board did not allow reporters to. Commissioner Terry began:

At the meeting of June 29, 1893, I find the following: "Speaker Sulzer appeared and said: 'On behalf of the organization of the Xth District, I would like to ask for two dock builders, both good men and both good dock builders.'"

why, when by an order from the governor, I was made a member of the Department, I was put in charge, and against whom there has never been any complaint. I was appointed him for Commissioner Day—Parker goes and lays him off and puts the man whom he succeeded in his place. He is an excellent man.

Engineer—I don't know unless he did not attend to his work. He was a good man.

President Cram—He was appointed for Michael Day.

Commissioner Phelan—Croker does not want him.

Engineer—He is a good man, but he has been falling off since he has been in this Department.

Commissioner Phelan—He says that he has got a pull.

President Cram—He has a pull, and a very good pull, and he is a first-class man. Mr. Daly is personally interested in him. He is also in Dalton's district.

Commissioner Phelan—Dalton says that he is a Republican.

President Cram—I never saw him until he came

Another extract:  
President Cram—I will tell you frankly, Sulzberg has brought into my room about 500 laborers.  
Meeting of July 15, 1893. Subject under discussion, repermitting Houston, West Street and Palmyra Ferry Railroad Company for car stand.  
President Cram—I think that the company ought

to send every Commissioner a \$500.00 check. I will be up on  
down every day and spend \$100.00 a day a week.  
Commissioner White-Don't. Don't they send passes?  
President Gram-No, it is a matter of conven-  
ience to do that.  
Commissioner White-I suppose that. Send over  
to the superintendent of that road and tell him  
that I would like to see him some time next week.  
Commissioner Phelan-That is the Criminals syn-  
dicate; you need not bother. I know him.  
Secretary-The permit is granted. The property is in

President Cram: It is his private property, that  
 Engineer—Yes, outside of—  
 Commissioner Phelan—Granted, and ask the  
 superintendent to call on Commissioner White.  
 Extract of August 7, 1895:  
 President Cram—I think that we will have to dis-  
 miss all the employees of the Department from the  
 Ninth Assembly District unless they bring letters  
 from Congressmen after you must have a letter  
 from Scannell before I appoint anybody. I don't  
 know whether he wants John O'Brien—he wants two

or three men discharged. I hate to discharge laboring men except for cause, but he says that John O'Brien, who is a very decent old man, was appointed without his request.

Engineer—Here is another, John D. Temple. Was he appointed as a dock builder?

President Cram—Yes, there is room for another Food man.

Secretary—You know the statement that Mr. Scamnell made about Mr. Mason?

President Cram—What is the statement?

Secretary—He says that Mr. Mason has been gone about talking about him.  
President Cram—Is Scannell the Mikado?  
Secretary—He says that he understands that he has been talking very bad about him, and that that man who was instrumental in getting him appointed is a very bitter enemy of his—Mr. Gray.  
President Cram—I appointed him at the request

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